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White House loses battle over use of executive privilege for aides

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge rejected President Clinton's effort to use executive privilege to block certain testimony by his senior aides in the Monica Lewinsky investigation, The Associated Press learned Tuesday.

Meanwhile, prosecutors finished their work with an Arkansas grand jury that had investigated Whitewater for two years and turned their attention back to presidential friend Vernon Jordan, questioning him a third time before a grand jury in Washington.

The White House could appeal the executive privilege ruling, confirmed by several lawyers familiar with the legal dispute between the administration and Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. Any decision to appeal would further delay Starr's investigation into whether Clinton had sex with Lewinsky, lied about it or urged others to lie.

The White House and Starr's office declined comment, citing the fact that the issue is under court seal.

At the height of the Watergate scandal in the summer of 1974, the Supreme Court took about six weeks voted to uphold U.S. District Judge John Sirica's decision against President Nixon, who invoked executive privilege to deny access to tape-recorded conversations in the White House. Nixon resigned five weeks after the Supreme Court ruled amid impeachment proceedings in the House.

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'No-fly' pilots were told not to target Iraqi jets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The massive U.S. air operation to patrol the skies over southern Iraq went into temporary retreat last fall when Iraqi fighters repeatedly darted into prohibited airspace.

More than a week of regular violations of the so-called no-fly zone over southern Iraq went unanswered by U.S. warplanes armed and readied for air-to-air combat. Interviews by The Associated Press with military commanders, combat pilots and senior Pentagon officials in recent weeks showed a reluctance in the top ranks to challenge Iraqi fighters — even though the U.S. and allied forces greatly outnumbered the intruders.

Three weeks after that spate of incursions, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein touched off an international crisis by threatening to shoot down U.S. spy planes.

"Yes, we did back away," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Roger R. Radcliff,

who commanded the operation at the time. "After a period of days, we adjusted that stance. But we never gave up the no-fly zone."

Some Air Force pilots who flew the missions in the no-fly zone in southern Iraq, where the United Nations since 1992 has barred Iraqi military flights, expressed exasperation.

"The Air Force leadership that was running the war in Southwest Asia was so conservative they never let us get in a position where we could engage," Capt. Chris Prusak, an F-15 pilot, told the AP.

"They were just taunting us," Prusak said of the Iraqi fighters.

Air Force Lt. Mark Reents, an F-15 pilot, said in an interview: "We were initially pushed 90 miles to the south" by his military commander to avoid a clash with Iraqis. After several days of violations, incrementally, we were allowed to move north," he said.

U.S. pins hope on Netanyahu

LONDON (AP) — Frustrated and running out of options, the Clinton administration is placing its hopes for a Mideast peace on Benjamin Netanyahu, betting that the prime minister will give up more of the West Bank than he has been saying is safe to turn over to the Palestinians.

It's a gamble. And the administration is giving the Israeli leader only six days to accept the U.S. proposition that Israel's next pullback should be 13 percent, a figure Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has accepted.

Why would the Israeli leader reverse himself after months of saying Israel's security would be jeopardized by a larger pullback?

A possible reason is that Netanyahu would get negotiations going on the toughest issues: the future of Jerusalem, Jewish settlers, the Palestinian demand for a state, final borders, refugees.

For months, he has insisted it was time to get those talks started. Then, he could declare Jerusalem will remain intact and try to block a Palestinian state.

Advisers to monitor base work

By The Washington Post WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William Cohen took the exceptional step Tuesday of ordering the appointment of independent advisers to monitor a competition for work at a Calfornia air base slated for closure, amid congressional allegations of political meddling by the Clinton administration in the bidding process.

The acting secretary of the Air Force, F. Whitten Peters, also removed himself from deciding the competition.

The actions followed disclosure last week of a memo from Peters reporting that John Podesta, the deputy White House chief of staff, wanted a top Pentagon official to press Lockheed Martin Corp. to bid on some of the maintenance business at McClellan Air Force Base and keep the work in Sacramento.

"Mr. Peters felt it made some sense for him to do this, to remove himself as a target of criticism here, and also to remove any question about the bidding process," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon told reporters.

Marine fliers' hearing told of lax operations

By New York Times

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The squadron whose plane struck a ski lift in Italy did not have strict rules on how to set the plane's low-altitude warning systems, and pilots regularly violated altitude restrictions, witnesses testified Tuesday in a hearing to determine whether two officers in the jet should be courtmartialed.

While the testimony came from prosecution witnesses, it indicated lax operations by the squadron and confusion, rather than negligence, by the Marine jet's crew.

The lawyer for one of the crew members, Capt. Chandler Seagraves, forcefully rebutted what he called the government's contention that the crew had been "flat-hatting, cowboying, goofing around."

"The evidence simply will not support such a wild theory," said the lawyer, Capt. Paul Kaplan.

Kaplan referred to suggestions that crews dared each other to fly under cables as a stunt, but said he had "never heard of a cable club or a cable car club."

On Feb. 3, the crew's EA-6B Prowler hit ski lift cables as low as 364 feet above the ground, sending 20 people in a gondola to their deaths.

The pilot, Capt. Richard Ashby, said he had set the alarm system for 800 feet above ground level, the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Richard Muegge, testified Tuesday, even though squadron procedure was to set it at 900.

And the squadron's operations duty officer, Capt. Michael Recce, testified Tuesday that just after the plane landed, Ashby told him, "I was at 1,000 feet, right where I needed to be."

All four crew members told investigators that they never heard the alarm system sound.

Pentagon looks into general's retirement

WASHINGTON (S&S) — A Pentagon investigation into allegations against a retired Army two-star general also will examine the circumstances of his retirement, Defense Secretary William Cohen says.

Cohen made the comment last week during a news briefing with French Defense Minister Alain Richard at the Pentagon. "It will encompass everything," Cohen told reporters.

The major general, David R. Hale, was allowed to retire in February within eight days of his request to leave despite the investigation into charges of sexual misconduct, leaking classified information and false imprisonment, Army officials said. Hale was the Army's deputy inspector general, a job he held for four months.

Family gives blood samples to identify body in Tomb of the Unknowns

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Jean Blassie, who believes her son is buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns, gave blood samples Tuesday to military technicians at her home.

The family expects the blood will be used for DNA tests to determine if the Vietnam-era remains in the tomb at Arlington National Cemetery are those of Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, whose plane was shot down over South Vietnam in May 1972.

Two technicians from Scott Air Force

Base in Illinois drew two vials of blood from Jean Blassie at her home in the St. Louis suburb of Florissant, Mo., said her son, George Blassie of St. Peters.

"We're all waiting now for (Defense) Secretary (William) Cohen to announce they're going ahead with the testing so we can know once and for all if those are Michael's remains," George Blassie said.

A source in Washington told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Tuesday evening that Cohen is expected to make the announcement by week's end.

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Grand jury probing first lady yields little

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Two years and millions of dollars later, the special Whitewater grand jury adjourned Tuesday with a pizza party but not much to show for its probe into Hillary Rodham Clinton's legal days.

The grand jury returned a single indictment: a three-felony count against former Clinton business partner Susan McDougal for refusing to answer questions.

As of today, its term will expire and whatever decisions remain will be put before a Washington grand jury that is probing the Monica Lewinsky matter and obstruction of justice allegations, said Charles Bakaly, spokesman for Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

But because no big fish were netted, questions are being raised about whether there is anything to the case.

"Ordinarily a prosecutor would like to get his indictment from the grand jury that heard the evidence," said former Iran-Contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh said.

"That could either mean that it's inadequate, or it could mean that he thinks he will have more and that he wants to wait until he gets more before he acts."

Whitewater prosecutors said evidence gathered in Arkansas could easily be taken up by the Washington grand jury.

During its investigation, Whitewater grand jurors scrutinized Hillary Clinton's billing records at the Rose Law Firm and heard from a parade of former law partners and others about her work and the Whitewater land deal involved in the convictions of James and Susan McDougal.

The 23 Arkansans empaneled in May 1996 marked the end of their term with a pizza party with prosecutors. They shared tearful goodbyes before driving away.

Ruling adds to Clinton's problems

Cox News Service

A federal judge's ruling Tuesday that aides to President Clinton cannot claim executive privilege when testifying before a Whitewater grand jury is but the latest in a string of setbacks the White House has suffered in the past week.

"The news on the whole is bad for Clinton," said CNN political analyst William Schneider, noting that in addition to the ruling by U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, presidential confidant Vernon Jordan had to testify again Tuesday before the Whitewater grand jury.

But the White House has been able nonetheless, Schneider said, to deflect its problems.

"They did what they've done in the past," he said. "They've managed to find an enemy who has behaved so outrageously, and they've turned their fire on him. That's Dan Burton."

Professor tapped for defense post

Cox News Service

AUSTIN, Texas — Although he'll be 69 in June, Hans Mark isn't thinking about retirement.

Instead, the University of Texas engineering professor is pondering such issues as the ability of spy satellites and other options to impede the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Mark, a former secretary of the Air Force, will get to try out some of these ideas if the U.S. Senate confirms him later this year as chief technical adviser to Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

President Clinton on Monday announced his intention to nominate Mark as director of defense research and engineering, or chief technical adviser, a \$135,000-a-year post.

Mark, who came to Austin in 1984 and served as chancellor of the UT System until 1992, already has the support of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

"I know of no one in America better qualified," Gramm said Tuesday. "I strongly support him and congratulate the president and secretary of defense on a superb nomination."

Mark, a former deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, has focused his professional life on nuclear weapons, space probes, spy satellites and military aircraft.

"I was in the nuclear business from the very beginning, so I know the game from the design stage up," Mark said of his work in the 1950s at the Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory.

Lawyer says Simpson making 'creepy' confession

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The lawyer who won a civil wrongful death suit against O.J. Simpson said Tuesday he believes the man acquitted of two murders is making a "creeping confession" in his public appearances.

Simpson, responding to Daniel Petrocelli's new assertions for the first time, called the claim "totally ridiculous" and said the lawyer is trying to make news to sell his book. Petrocelli said that if Simpson believed a confession would win him public acceptance he would admit to the slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

"I don't think he will ever crack. He's a strong individual and a survivor," said Petrocelli, who represented the Goldman family. "But public acceptance is important to him. He'd like to win back the public and if admitting it would get him there he might do it."

"That's totally ridiculous," said Simpson, who insisted no such thought has ever entered his mind.

"I didn't do it, so I've never even thought about confessing," Simpson said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

Petrocelli cited a recent TV interview in which Simpson jokingly wielded a banana as if it were a knife.

Study: Minimum wage hike didn't spur job loss

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of another boost in the minimum wage are citing a report out today that a 1996-97 increase helped low-income workers without causing job losses.

The labor-based Economic Policy Institute report concluded that 10 million workers saw their wages go up as a result of the last minimum wage increase. It said that 71 percent of those benefiting were adults, that 58 percent were women and that two-thirds either worked full time or 20 to 34 hours a week.

The average minimum wage worker, it said, was not a teen-ager but someone who provides more than half of his or her household's weekly earnings. The institute said it found no significant job loss associated with the 1996-97 increase.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., and Labor Secretary Alexis Herman were presenting the findings at a Capitol Hill news conference today.

Kennedy said the minimum wage worker still earns just \$10,700 a year, \$2,900 below the poverty level for a family of three. Kennedy and Bonior were among the leaders in pushing through legislation in 1996 that raised the minimum wage from \$4.25 an hour to \$4.75 in October that year and then to \$5.15 last September.

They argue that even with that raise, the minimum wage is still only 82 percent of its 1979 level adjusted for inflation, and want to increase the wage to \$6.15 in 2000.

Mayor wins Indiana Senate primary

By The Associated Press

The mayor of Indiana's second-largest city won a close race for the state's GOP Senate nomination Tuesday, setting up another tough fight with former Gov. Evan Bayh for the state's open Senate seaf

Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke traded the lead with two rivals before pulling ahead in late returns. Helmke had 129,309 votes, or 35 percent, while attorney John Price had 124,005 votes, or 34 percent, with 96 percent of precincts reporting. Peter Rusthoven, an attorney and former speechwriter for Ronald Reagan, conceded earlier in the evening.

The seat is open because Republican Dan Coats — who took it over when Quayle became vice president in 1989 — is retiring at 54 to return to the private

sector.

Ohio's John Glenn, 76, is also leaving the Senate. The four-term Democrat is returning to space aboard the shuttle Discovery.

Gov. George Voinovich, barred from running for a third term, decided to run for Glenn's seat, and easily won the GOP Senate primary. Voinovich, 61, is heavily favored to beat Democrat Mary O. Boyle, a former Cuyahoga County commissioner, who faced no primary opposition.

In North Carolina, Democrats nominated millionaire lawyer John Edwards to challenge Sen. Lauch Faircloth.

The Republican incumbent, seeking a second term, was easily renominated over two political unknowns, grabbing four of every five votes cast.

Hospital identifies seven possible victims

By Los Angeles Times

GLENDALE, Calif. — After talking with scores of family members and reviewing hundreds of pages of medical files, Glendale Adventist Medical Center has spotted seven possible victims of Efren Saldivar, the self-professed mercy killer who later recanted, hospital officials said Tuesday.

A special team of four retired doctors has spent the past month meeting with

families who fear that their loved ones may have been victims of Saldivar, a respiratory worker who told police he killed 40 to 50 patients, then retracted his confession in a television interview.

To date, the team has reviewed slightly more than a third of the cases of the 350 families that called in. Of those, hospital officials have forwarded to police seven cases they feel are suspicious, though they said they have no hard evidence.

Kaczynski joins hard-core inmates

From wire reports

FLORENCE, Colo. — Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski has been put behind bars at Supermax, joining some of the nation's most dangerous criminals at a \$60 million federal prison dubbed the Alcatraz of the Rockies.

Twelve-foot fences topped with razor wire and a cell with a concrete bed and a chair greeted Kaczynski, who began serving four life sentences plus 30 years on Tuesday for a bombing spree that left three dead and 29 injured.

The 55-year-old mathematician was sentenced in Sacramento, Calif., on Monday under a plea bargain that spared him a possible death sentence.

Kaczynski joins Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh; Ramzi Yousef, mastermind of the World Trade Center bombing; and Charles Harrelson, the hit man father of *Cheers* star Woody Harrelson.

Reagan building dedicated

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration returned to Washington without Ronald Reagan on Tuesday. The official reason was to dedicate a new building in his name. But in public addresses, private remarks and glitzy party chatter, Republicans and Democrats alike seemed more eager to recharge themselves on the energy of days not so long ago when simple truths and unabashed optimism were fashionable for a time.

They traded favorite quotes from the Gipper and argued over the meaning of his legacy.

Killer bees in Nevada

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The killer bees have made it to Nevada, and El Nino may be to blame.

Africanized killer bees migrating northward from South America since the 1950s have been found in Nevada, their farthest point northward.

Two swarms were discovered near Laughlin in the state's extreme southern tip, state Agriculture Commission official Paul Iverson said Tuesday.

The latest northward spotting may be a result of wetter, cooler weather linked to El Nino, which has increased the growth of nectar- and pollen-producing plants, Iverson said.

Ten killed in Naples landslides, flooding

From wire reports

NAPLES, Italy — At least 10 people were dead Wednesday after two consecutive days of torrential rain caused massive landslides and flooding in the Naples area, Italian news reports said.

Hundreds of fire fighters and emergency workers were on site searching for the buried with helicopters and on foot.

The avalanches of mud swept away or damaged homes throughout the southern Italian region, leaving thousands of people homeless.

Many residents spent the night on roof tops or on the highest floor of apartment buildings for fear of being swept away, the reports said.

Bomb explodes in navy hotel

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A bomb exploded in front of a downtown Istanbul hotel used by navy officers, reports said Wednesday. There were no injuries.

Some windows in the building, located in the low-income Kasimpasa district, were shattered by the explosion late Tuesday, the semiofficial Anatolia news agency said.

Taiwan warned of U.S. shift

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A top adviser has warned of unfavorable shifts in the attitudes of some U.S. policy makers towards Taiwan ahead of President Bill Clinton's June visit to Beijing, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Tien Hung-mao warned that influential Americans increasingly feel Taiwan should accept Beijing's claims over the island, a policy Taipei rejects, the United Daily News reported.

Plane crashes in Peru

LIMA, Peru — An air force charter flight carrying 87 people, mainly employees of the American oil company Occidental Petroleum, crashed in Peru's northern jungle, authorities said Wednesday.

There was no immediate information on casualties, said a statement from Occidental's Peruvian office read over a local radio station.

The Boeing 737 took off Tuesday from the jungle city of Iquitos, 620 miles northeast of Lima, and crashed 3 miles from Andoas.

Vatican copes with murders

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The insular — and often secretive — Vatican community struggled today to cope with a sensational murder-suicide that made headlines around the world, a bloodbath the pope himself called "incomprehensible."

The hierarchy moved quickly Tuesday to quell what the Vatican newspaper called "incredulity, bewilderment and sorrow" over the death of the new Swiss Guards commander and his wife — and of the young guardsman who apparently shot them and himself Monday night.

Alois Estermann, 43, who was gunned down in his Vatican apartment only hours after Pope John Paul II named him commandant of the elite little army, and his wife, Gladys Meza Romero, 49, were to be honored today with a Mass at the Vat-

ican.

Today was supposed to have been the day of the Swiss Guards swearing-in ceremony — a festive day for family, friends and fellow soldiers. Instead, hundreds of guests will attend a funeral.

"You can imagine how the Swiss Guards will feel," Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said.

The Vatican also summoned reporters to try to explain how such a crime happened in its hallowed precincts. In addition, an interim commander was named for the guards.

Navarro-Valls quickly ruled out a crime of passion, blaming the bloodbath on a "fit of madness" by a 23-year-old guardsman embittered by a reprimand from Estermann and lack of recognition.

Mediator visits torn Bosnian city

DRVAR, Bosnia and Herzegovina (AP) — Two special envoys and 16 Serbian policemen will assume posts in the tense town of Drvar to encourage Serbian refugees to return, Bosnia's top international mediator said Tuesday.

Carlos Westendorp, the top civilian adminstrator in Bosnia, made the announcement after meeting with local authorities.

His visit came 11 days after hundreds of Bosnian Croats rampaged through Drvar, torching homes, stoning Serbs and overturning vehicles. About 20 people were hurt, including the local Serbian mayor and four U.N. employees, in riots aimed at stopping Serbian refugees from returning.

Westendorp told reporters one of the envoys will be appointed by the international community and the other by the Bosnian Croat leaders from the town. The two will oversee ongoing investigations into the recent incidents.

In addition, a joint Croatian-Serbian police force will be established in Drvar, with 16 Serbian officers joining the Croats already there.

More ethnic violence was reported Tuesday, this

time in the southern Croat-dominated town of Stolac, where a house belonging to a Muslim family was torched.

U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko said more than 30 houses and three vehicles owned by Muslims have been destroyed in Stolac over the past six weeks.

Bosnian Croatian and Muslim officials in Stolac have agreed to establish a joint team to investigate the incidents, he said.

The Drvar rampage had followed the April 16 killing of an elderly Serbian couple who were trying to return to their home.

Looting breaks out for 3rd day in Indonesia

MEDAN, Indonesia (AP) — Police fired in the air Wednesday to ward off looters who burned tires and attacked Chinese-owned stores as anger over price hikes persisted in this Indonesian city. Indonesia's currency and stock market slid on fears over the unrest.

"I got it," one man muttered as he fled a warehouse, hauling a bag of rice. Officers pulled up in a truck, swinging sticks as children, housewives and men carting stolen goods on bicycles scattered.

Ethnic Chinese cowered behind store shutters as soldiers with rifles stood guard outside. The Chinese minority, which dominates commerce in the mostly Muslim nation of 200 million, is often targeted when social discontent boils over.

This week's violence in Medan is the worst outbreak of unrest since Indonesia's economy caved in last year.

Reagan's daughter survives skin cancer

Faces

From The Associated Press

DIXON, Illinois — Maureen Reagan said Monday she's doing fine after battling melanoma, a type of skin cancer.

"I had so many nuclear tests I was a night light," the 57-year-old daughter of former President Ronald Reagan joked on MSNBC television.

Reagan was diagnosed in 1996. She said surgery, radiation and interferon have left her cancer-free.

'n Taking interferon was places "like having the worst case in the world of Asian flu, with no relief," she said.

This being cancer awareness week, Reagan urged viewers to wear sunscreen and ask their doctors to check for the disease.

Shaq telling tall tales

LOS ANGELES — Are you ready for "Shaq and the Beanstalk"? Or, perhaps "Shaq and Jill"?

Scholastic Inc., announced Monday it has reached agreement with Los Angeles Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal to create a children's collection of "fractured" fairy

"Shaq and the Beanstalk and Six Other Very Tall Tales," intended for children

Pop star faces charges in L.A.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — George Michael's arraignment on a misdemeanor lewd conduct charge was postponed until May 15.

Defense attorney Ira Reiner said that he needed more time to review the case. The 34-year-old British-born heartthrob didn't attend the brief hearing in Municipal Court on Tuesday.

Reiner said Michael was "in very good humor and good spirits."

Michael, whose hits include I Want Your Sex and Faith, was charged with a single count of lewd conduct after his arrest April 7 in a park bathroom. Police haven't said what he is alleged to have done.

ages 6 to 9, will be published by Scholastic in fall 1999.

The book features an oversized, "very tall" format, with each of the seven tales linked by a clue or character leading readers from one story to the next.

Duchovny looks at fan files

NEW YORK — David Duchovny thinks fans of The X-Files are as zealous as the Beatles hordes way back when.

"It's very similar in the intensity of our fans, emotionally, especially as the end of the show becomes inevitable," he said in the June issue of Details maga-

So which Beatle would he be? "I guess John, because I'm the most outspoken," Duchovny said.

Madonna: Women run world

NEW YORK — I am Madonna, hear me roar. The once Material Girl bristles at the suggestion that the world might be different if women ran it.

"Women do run the world!" she told the Daily News on Sunday. "They just don't shout about it. There are different ways to be powerful. It's a man's nature to be outward and aggressive. That doesn't mean that women can't be like that, too."

The Tonys will decide if 'Lion' is king

NEW YORK (AP) — The 1998 Tony Awards will be a battle of big musicals produced by Broadway's new titans, as Livent's Ragtime and Disney's The Lion King snapped up a total of 24 nominations Monday.

Ragtime, with 13 nomination and The Lion King, with 11, are major contenders in nearly every category, including the all-important best musical. They play across from each other on a revitalized 42nd Street

The Lion King, director Julie Taymor's lavish retelling of the Disney animated film, and Ragtime, based on the E.L. Doctorow's novel about America's loss of innocence, have been among the season's most popular shows.

Also nominated for the top musical prize were The Scarlet Pimpernel, a critically drubbed work by the composer of Jekyll & Hyde, and Side Show, a short-lived musical about Siamese twins. It has become a cult favorite.

The revival of *Cabaret* also had 10 nominations.

In The Stars and Stripes

10 YEARS AGO

May 6, 1988 — A fire raged through a 62-story office building in Los Angeles, killing a man trapped in an elevator and injuring more than 30 people in the city's tallest building.

20 YEARS AGO

May 6, 1978 — Secretary of the Army Clifford Alexander Jr. said the devaluation of the dollar had hurt individual soldiers and caused the Army budgetary problems.

30 YEARS AGO

May 6, 1968 — Communist forces shelled more than 100 provincial capitals and military sites across South Vietnam and battled government troops inside Saigon less than a week before preliminary peace talks were scheduled to start.

40 YEARS AGO

May 6, 1958 — The Pulitzer Prize for meritorious public service by a newspaper went to the Little Rock (Ark.) Gazette for its coverage of the school integration crisis in 1957..

50 YEARS AGO

May 6, 1948 — Sen. Robert Taft took the lead in the Republican presidential primary in his home state of Ohio over Harold Stassen.

U.S. team for World Cup named

By Cox New Service

Loyalty and unity were what U.S. national team coach Steve Sampson demanded from prospective World Cup players following some shaky qualifying matches last fall, and they heeded the message well.

Two weeks ago, after the U.S. upset Austria 3-0 in Vienna, Sampson told 20 players they could pack their bags for France. They kept it secret until Tuesday, when Sampson announced all but two spots on his World Cup roster.

And he reiterated his belief that this American team, coming off a second-round showing in 1994 could go even further.

Included are nine veterans from the 1994 World Cup, and 15 selections currently play in Major League Soccer, most notably forward Eric Wynalda, midfielder Cobi Jones and defenders Alexi Lalas and Marcelo Balboa.

Chosen are: Jeff Agoos D 29 D.C. United; Marcelo Balboa D 30 Colorado Rapids; Mike Burns D 27 New England Revolution; Chad Deering M 27 VfL Wolfsburg (Germany); Thomas Dooley M/D 37 Columbus Crew; Brad Friedel GK 27 Liverpool (England); Frankie Hejduk M 23 Tampa Bay Mutiny; Cobi Jones M 27 Los Angeles Galaxy; Kasey Keller GK 29 Leicester City (England); Alexi Lalas D 27 NY/NJ MetroStars; Brian Maisonneuve M 24 Columbus Crew; Brian McBride F 26 Columbus Crew; Joe-Max Moore M 27 New England Revolution; Eddie Pope D 24 D.C. United; Preki Radosavljevic M/F 34 Kansas City Wizards; Claudio Reyna M 24 VfL Wolfsburg (Germany); Juergen Sommer GK 29 Columbus Crew; Ernie Stewart F 29 NAC Breda (Holland); Roy Wegerle F 34 Tampa Bay Mutiny and Eric Wynalda F 28 San Jose Clash.

Slow-starting Pacers perk up to win 56-20

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — By the time the Indiana Pacers shook off the rust, they were down 19.

By the time they finished getting their act together, they had turned Game 1 into a comfortable victory.

Led by reserves Jalen Rose, Travis Best and Antonio Davis, the Pacers overcame a terrible start to win the opening game of their Eastern Conference semifinal series 93-83 Tuesday night.

Rose and Best finished with 18 points apiece and Davis chipped in 14. Indiana's bench outscored New York's 56-20.

John Starks had 17 points and Allan Houston 16 for New York, which picked up right where it left off Sunday in Miami by jumping out to a big early lead.

Indiana, which hadn't played since last Thursday, trailed 23-7 before its reserves went to work, scoring 35 of the Pacers' next 40 points to give Indiana a 47-45 halftime edge. Rose had 13 of the points and Best chipped in 10.

Reggie Miller had nine of his 17 points in the period, including a 22-footer with 3.4 seconds left in the period which gave Indiana its biggest lead of the night to that point, 73-64.

The Pacers built the lead to 87-71 on two free throws by Best with 5:31 to play.

Jazz 83, Spurs 82

SALT LAKE CITY — After the game, Gregg Popovich was calm. During the game, he was anything but. Maybe that's why they have a cooling-off period.

The coach of the San Antonio Spurs used the break between the end of the game and the start of media interviews to choose his words carefully about a moving-screen call on David Robinson with 55 seconds left — a play that negated Avery Johnson's go-ahead layup and allowed the Utah Jazz to preserve a one-point lead in their 83-82 win Tuesday night.

But the 49-year-old coach was just as insistent that the call should never have been made.

Popovich, who has been the Spurs' general manager since 1994, added coach to his title in December 1996, replacing Bob Hill. This is the first time he has coached the Spurs in the playoffs, and his team ousted higher-seeded Phoenix in the first round, 3-1.

The series with the Jazz is a different story, he realizes, but he's convinced the Spurs let a great opportunity slip away.

"You just hope something like that (the moving-screen call) wouldn't decide the game," he said.

Canada secures place in World Hockey

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Defending champion Canada and Olympic gold medalist Czech Republic both advanced Tuesday to the second round of the World Ice Hockey Championships.

Canada secured its berth and the top spot of the B Group standings with a 5-2 victory over Italy while the Czechs posted an 8-1 win over Germany.

Canada and Slovakia had identical records of 2-1-0 and tied 2-2 in their round robin match, but the Canadians were awarded first place in the group based on goal differential. Slovakia also advanced.

Canada, which needed to win by at least two goals to secure the lead in the Group B standings, jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Carolina's Keith Primeau at 3:09 and Florida's Ray Whitney 82 seconds later.

Italy's Luzio Topatigh narrowed the gap to 2-1 with 1:09 remaining in the first, with a blistering slap shot from the left face-off circle.

Canada went up to 3-1 early in the second period when Trevor Linden of the New York Islanders, one of three Olympians on the team, scored on the power play.

Todd Bertuzzi and Nelson Emerson added goals for Canada, which benefited from the arrival of Philadelphia's Chris Gratton who landed in Zurich on Tuesday morning in time for practice. Gratton's appearance leaves coach Andy Murray just one more spot to fill on Canada's roster.

Italy settled for third place and will have to play a relegation round later in the tournament to keep its place among the A-Pool elite.

Yankees pound Rangers for 20th win this season

By The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — David Cone took a no-hitter into the fifth inning and led the New York Yankees to their 20th win in 22 games, 7-2 over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Paul O'Neill hit a three-run homer in the first off John Burkett (2-4) and drove in four runs. At 21-6, the Yankees are off to their best start since the 1958 team opened 21-5.

Cone (4-1) won his fourth consecutive start, allowing two runs and three hits in five innings. Darren Holmes and Jeff Nelson completed the four-hitter.

Red Sox 4, Twins 2

BOSTON — Nomar Garciaparra broke a 2-all tie in the seventh with a two-run double after Troy O'Leary tied the score 2-all with a leadoff homer against Bob Tewksbury (3-4).

Tim Wakefield (3-1) allowed two runs and five hits in 7 1-3 innings, winning his third consecutive start. Boston has won 18 of its last 22 games and come from behind in 15 of its 21 victories this season.

Indians 6, Orioles 5



CLEVELAND — Armando Benitez (1-1) forced in the tying run by walking Brian Giles in the tying run in the ninth, then gave up Omar Vizquel's game-winning sin-

gle.

Lenny Webster had given Baltimore a 5-4 lead in the top half with a two-out RBI single off Paul Assenmacher (2-3). The Indians got their 10th comeback win of the year and fifth in their last at-bat at home

Royals 4, Devil Rays 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dean Palmer hit a two-run single as Kansas City stopped a three-game losing streak and sent Tampa Bay to its 12th loss in 14 games.

Royals starter Hipolito Pichardo (2-2) left after splitting a callous on a finger of his right hand while pitching to Quinton McCracken leading off the sixth. Jeff Montgomery pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Wilson Alvarez (3-4) lost his third consecutive start, giving up four runs and 10

hits in five innings.

Mariners 8, White Sox 1

SEATTLE — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his AL-leading 13th homer, David Segui homered twice, and Jeff Fassero (3-1) pitched a three-hitter as Seattle stretched a winning streak to three for the first time since mid-April.

Alex Rodriguez and Robert Perez also homered for Seattle, which had five in a game for the first time this season.

Albert Belle hit his seventh homer of the season for the White Sox. Scott Eyre (1-4) gave up five runs and five hits in five innings, allowing four solo homers.

Blue Jays 13, Angels 11

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Darrin Fletcher hit a three-run homer off Troy Percival (0-2) in a seven-run eighth and Tony Fernandez capped the comeback with a two-run double.

Toronto, which trailed 11-6 after seven, entered with a major league-low .233 batting average but had 17 hits.

Anaheim extended its lead to 11-6 in the seventh on a bases-loaded sacrifice fly by Paco Martin.

Nen returns to Miami, gets win

By The Associated Press

It was an eventful homecoming for San Francisco reliever Robb Nen.

Pitching in Miami for the first time since last year's World Series, the former Florida Marlins closer got a standing ovation, blew a save opportunity, then got the victory against his former team.

After Nen squandered a 2-0 lead in the ninth, the Giants came back to score six runs in the 10th and beat the Marlins 8-2...

Nen, traded in November as part of Florida's payroll purge after winning the World Series, loaded the bases with no outs in the ninth, and Jeff Kent's error at second allowed two runs to score.

"I started pressing a little bit and walking guys," said Nen, who was the Marlins' closer for four years.

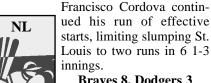
Expos 3, Reds 2

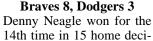
Stan Belinda forced in the winning run with a two-out, bases-loaded walk to Ryan McGuire in the bottom of the ninth inning as Montreal halted Cincinnati's three-game winning streak.

Rockies 6, Phillies 1

Darryl Kile left the game with a bruised kneecap after pitching five shutout innings as Colorado won at Philadelphia.

Pirates 5, Cardinals 2





sions since joining the Braves, and Javy Lopez tied his career high with four RBIs as Atlanta beat Los Angeles.

Astros 10, Cubs 5

Jose Lima tied teammate Mike Hampton for the NL lead with his fifth victory, and Houston scored five runs in the seventh inning to win at Chicago.

Padres 13, Brewers 4

Wally Joyner hit a grand slam and Andy Sheets added a three-run homer for the second straight game as San Diego routed Milwaukee.

Mets 9, Diamondbacks 1

Dave Mlicki finally got a win in his sixth start of the season, pitching a six-hitter for the second complete game of his career as New York Mets beat Arizona. Mlicki (1-3) took a shutout into the ninth inning.

Seeds advance in Italian Open

ROME (AP) — Seeded players Sandrine Testud, Lisa Raymond and Dominique Van Roost moved into the second round of the Italian Open today before a downpour interrupted play.

The Williams sisters, Venus and Serena, were to follow each other onto center court later in the day, but heavy rain — which washed out Monday's entire schedule — made it likely the siblings would again have to wait to make their European clay season debuts.

Testud, seeded 12th, battled back to oust Italy's Laura Golarsa 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the opening match on center court, No. 13 Van Roost had no trouble in her 6-4, 6-2 victory over Karina Habsudova of Slovakia, while No. 15 Raymond spotted France's Anne-Gaelle Sidot a set before winning 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Raymond's next opponent will be fellow American Anne Miller.